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MEMORANDUM for Mr. Allen Dulles

- : Proposal to improve the Internal Security position of Latin American States
- ..1: (1) Proposed agenda item for USIB meeting scheduled for 14 April 1959 **
- . Enclosure (1) is forwarded with the request that it be placed on the agenda for the next USIB meeting.

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NAVY review(s)
completed.

** Note for Record:

Per USIB/S, DNI has agreed to postpone this item to the following week (the 21 April meeting).

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USIB AGENDA ITEM

Subj: Internal Security of the countries represented on
the Inter-American Defense Board

1. For several years, the Inter-American Defense Board has proposed an exchange of information among the American States on the subject of espionage, sabotage, subversion and other similar activities. The latest proposal was made on 15 January 1959.

2. In view of increased communist activity in the Latin American States it would appear to be in the interest of the United States to cooperate with those countries through the Regional Defense organization in improving the internal security posture of those states.

3. When a similar problem arose in Europe a few years ago, a Special Committee was created under the North Atlantic Council which meets every six months to consider the threat to the individual countries in the treaty area from communist espionage, sabotage and subversion. Under the very able leadership of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which represents the United States on this committee, the group has developed a considerable body of valuable documentation which is exchanged between all participating members. Because of the similarity of the problem with respect to Latin America, it would appear to be appropriate for such a committee to be created under the Inter-American Defense Board and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be invited to represent the United States on the Committee.

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Mr. [redacted] has the original of the attached memo from Admiral Frost. A pants press copy was sent by General Cabell's office to Dick Helms.

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